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# KIT CARSON

HAR-RAISING WAR WHOOPS ECHO OVER THE ARROYO AS KIT CARSON AND EL TORO ARE AMBUSHED BY PROUD WOLF AND HIS VENGEFUL WARRIORS. BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING... FOR THIS BLAZE OF ACTION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWIST OF CIRCUMSTANCE SO UNBELIEVABLY STRANGE AS TO LEAVE EL TORO ASKING HIMSELF...

**HAS KIT TURNED.  
TRAITOR?**



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NO, KIT! EL TORO DOES NOT RUN WHEN HIS BEST AMIGO IS IN DANGER!



BUT A MOMENT LATER... UNNH!



KIT CARSON FIGHTS ON ALONE! THE QUARTERS ARE TOO CLOSE FOR HIM TO BRING HIS LEGENDARY SIX-SHOOTER INTO PLAY!



BUT PROUD WOLF'S WAR PARTY IS TOO NUMEROUS EVEN FOR KIT CARSON...

BIND HIM TIGHT! I WOULD PARLEY WITH HIM, BUT NOT UNTIL HIS FISTS ARE BOUND TIGHT!



WELL, PROUD WOLF? WHAT'S ON THAT SNEAKING MIND OF YOURS?

I WANT NOW WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED, KIT CARSON!

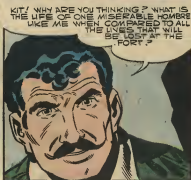


YOU'LL NEVER DO IT, PROUD WOLF! YOU HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE OF DESTROYING FORT MACOMBER AS...

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HIS TRAIL-LET'S  
FOLLOW  
IT!

WHY IT LEADS  
TO THIS OLD  
TREE TRUNK!

GOLLY!  
THERE'S THE  
WHOLE  
NECKLACE, A  
RADIO, A WATCH,  
A CAMERA...

THIS MUST BE A  
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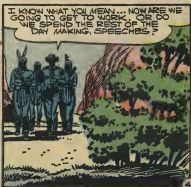
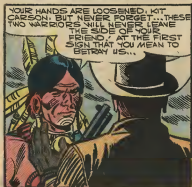
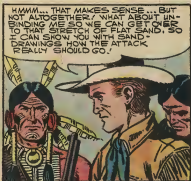
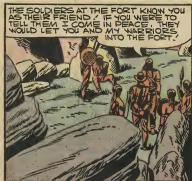
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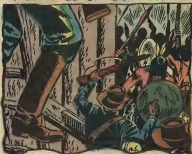


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SEE! IF THE WHOLE PARTY TRIESTO RIDE IN, THE SOLDIERS WILL GET SUSPICIOUS. EVEN WITH ME AT THE HEAD! SO WE SPLIT IT UP! WE WIDE HALF OF THE WAR PARTY IN THIS RAVINE JUST SOUTH OF THE FORT, AND THE OTHER HALF WILL GO THROUGH THE GATES WITH ME...



...ONCE WE'RE INSIDE, WE GO INTO ACTION! AND ALL THE SOLDIERS ON GUARD UP ON THE STOCKADE WALL WILL JUMP DOWN TO HELP TO REST OF THE GARRISON...



...BUT ONCE THE WALL'S LEFT UNGUARD, WE'LL SIGNAL THOSE IN THE RAVINE TO SCALE IT! THE GARRISON WON'T STAND A CHANCE...



YES... I SEE... YOUR WORDS ARE FULL OF WISDOM!

FULL OF TREACHERY, WOULD BE MORE LIKE IT!



ON YOUR MOUNTS, WARRIORS! WE START...

NO! NOT BEFORE WE PRACTISE THAT SPUT-UP MANEUVER FOR A SPELL! IF I'M LEADING THIS ATTACK, I WANT IT TO GO RIGHT!



I KNOW WHY, KIT CARSON! YOU WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN NOBODY AT THE FORT LIES TO SPREAD THE TALE OF HOW YOU TURNED AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE!

COULD BE, PROUD WOLF-- BUT YOU SAID IT, I DIDN'T.





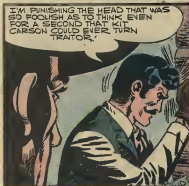
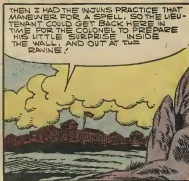
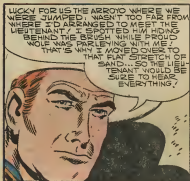
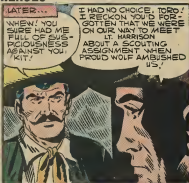
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HE WAS THE BEST SHOT IN THE TERRITORY, BUT YOUNG DAVE MANNERS HAD NEVER USED HIS SKILL TO EARN DIRTY MONEY! THEN LOU COLLINS CAME UP WITH A VERY TEMPTING PROPOSITION, AND YOUNG DAVE BECAME A...

# "GUNFIGHTER FOR HIRE!"



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IT WAS LATER THAT SAME DAY THAT YOUNG DAVE MANNERS CAME TO POTTSVILLE, LOOKING FOR WORK...

YOU THE YOUNG FELLER ASKIN ABOUT A JOB AROUND TOWN?

YEP...

mighty sharp shootin', for a youngster!

I PRACTICE A LOT! NOW WHAT MIGHT THIS JOB BE YUH HAVE IN MIND?

MY BOSS CAN USE AN HOMBRE WITH YOUR TALENT! WE'LL GO TALK TO HIM!

SOON... IN THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE OF LOU COLLINS...

HE'S A GOOD SHOT, BOSS! AN' HE'S LOOKIN' FER WORK!

GOOD!

THERE'S A MAN NAMED DENISON WHO'S GUNNIN' FOR ME! I WANT YOU TO GET HIM FIRST!

HUH?

AS MY BODYGUARD, YOU'D BE OBLIGED TO, IF HE TRIED TO GET ME FIRST!

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IT WOULD BE IN SELF-DEFENSE...DENISON IS A MEAN HOMBRE AND FOLKS WOULD BE GLAD TO GET RID OF HIM!



WELL, RECKON THERE'S NO HARM IN ACCEPTIN' WAGES AS A BODYGUARD! I'LL TAKE THE \*JOB!

YOU'LL BE WELL PAID, BOY!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE PATHS OF DAVE MANNERS AND THE DENISON FAMILY WERE DESTINED TO CROSS!

A RUNAWAY HORSE! LOOK OUT, MISS!



THE YOUNG MAN'S LITHE FIGURE HURLED ITSELF INTO THE RUNAWAY!



WHOA, BOY! EASY NOW! WHOA!



I SAW WHAT HAPPENED, MY BOY! YOU SAVED MY DAUGHTER GAIL'S LIFE! I'M GRATEFUL!

SHUCKS... I COULDN'T SEE A. PRETTY GAL HURT, NOW COULD I?



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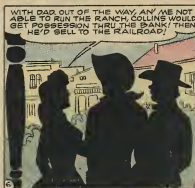
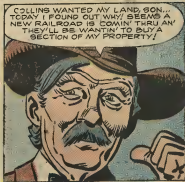
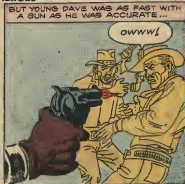
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# The Insolent Idol

There was nothing pleasant about the expressions on the faces of the three men as they rode deeper and deeper into Mexico. Each had the grim determination you see on the faces of desperate men. They were wanted on both sides of the Rio Grande and the reward money was high for them dead or alive. Each was well armed, carrying in addition to a Colt .44 a Winchester and a shot gun in scabbards on the sides of their horses. Slim Carey, Earl Kovar, and Jed Shedin realized that the sands of time were running out against them. Following them were two pack horses loaded with supplies — and in charge of the pack horses was an Indian mounted on a mule. His face was expressionless. Across his shoulder was an old blanket and his feet were bare. He carried neither gun nor knife for the three men did not trust him. At night when they slept they took turns at intervals watching El Viejo as he was known. The men stopped and soon a fire was going. They had coffee, bacon, and flap jacks for their meal.

"How much longer do we have to travel?" asked Earl Kovar. "It seems as though this could keep up forever."

"By tomorrow noon we should reach the village," replied Slim Carey. "Then we rest for a few days. El Viejo will get us a guide to take us to the mountains. Up there it is a combination of jungle and mountains."

"And you are sure we will get gold," interrupted the greedy voice of Jed Shedin. "Enough so we never have to work again."

"When did we ever work?" laughed Slim Carey. "Yes, there will be gold enough to last us the rest of our lives. Once we get it we head for Central America and then through South America until we get to Argentina. I know a fellow there who will help us buy ranches. Once there we split up."

They rested for an hour after their meal. The sun was blazing in the sky and the men felt

lozy. Only the desire for the precious metal had kept them going day and night.

"How much would you say that gold idol was worth?" asked Earl Kovar. "Imagine a people that made everything out of gold."

"I was fourteen when I went with the trading expedition to Mexico," replied Slim Carey. "After we sold our goods my uncle left the rest of the men. Told me he was going to take me to an old Indian village. Now get this straight. Those Indians aren't like the kind we got in the states. Once these fellows had a tremendous civilization. Way up in those mountains they lived. They fought the Spaniards for years. Even now they don't speak a word of Spanish. That's why we need El Viejo. He understands their lingo."

So we came to this village. My uncle gave them some gifts. They were good to us. We saw this big gold idol in the house of the head man. They are governed by a council of old men who are called the HUEHUES. My uncle got them to understand he wanted to go up to the mountains and get gold from their secret treasure house. Before he left an old lady gave him the map. That's the map I always carried with me. We're going to get that gold."

When they approached the outskirts of the village, El Viejo rode ahead. He went straight to the house of the oldest man in the place. He spoke to Martinozo and told him the truth.

"They are cruel men. They will say they want to look for herbs. But they want gold. If we do not give them a guide it will be bad for us. They have an important document to show you. We want no trouble with the authorities. We wish to live in peace."

There were those who said Martinozo was so old that he could remember when Mexico was part of Spain. His wisdom had guided the villages through all kinds of situations.

"Let them come," he said. "They will destroy themselves for their motive is greed. They would

not listen to the truth if we told it to them. So they shall talk and we shall listen."

El Viejo went back to his masters and told them that they would be welcomed. There was a grin on the face of cruel Jed Shedin.

"Just let them tell us we aren't welcome," he uttered as his right hand topped the butt of his six shooter.

They came slowly to the house of Martinozo. He had sufficient time to summon some of the other elders of the village. They stood around the table at attention. This was the way they greeted the official from Mexico City on his annual visit. Slim Carey took a folded sheet of paper from his pocket. It was a time table of the Rio Grande Railroad. He handed it to Martinozo. The Indian looked at it and then gave it to the others. Then it was returned to Slim Carey. They were all impressed by the document and knew it must be important.

"You will be our guests," said Martinozo. "Our food consists of maize, fish, and sometimes birds that we trap. We are allowed no weapons. We have machetes but they are considered as tools."

They remained in the village for five days. El Viejo took them to a small house and showed them the idol.

"It is called TLAHUEILO or El Diablo," he informed them.

"It was a gift to them years ago from the governor of the province."

"A likely story," said Slim Carey. "Must have come from way up in the mountains. Tell the old man we want a guide. One who knows every inch of the ground. And you too must come with us because you speak his lingo."

A youth, El Joven, was selected to go with them. But El Viejo explained the problem in regard to transportation.

"You can't use horses, mules, or any other animals. We must carry all supplies on our backs."

That presented a problem of what to do with the rifles and shot-guns. But Earl Kovor had a sensible suggestion.

"We remove the firing pins. Then the weapons are useless. We will have to hide the supply of rifle and shot gun shells."

At the start of the next week the five men left on the trip. El Joven and El Viejo would talk in their native tongue. This soon got on the nerves of Jed Shedin.

"They could be planning something against us," he worried.

"El Joven doesn't speak English or Spanish so he has to talk that way to El Viejo. I tell El Viejo what to do in Spanish," replied Slim Carey. "We must keep cool. It is getting harder and harder to breathe the higher up we go."

"Maybe he is taking us on a fool's errand,"

suggested Earl Kovor.

When he finished speaking he grabbed the youth by his arm. But there wasn't a change in El Joven's expression.

"Let him alone now," ordered Slim Carey. "We have ways to make him talk if he tries to double cross us."

They approached the jungle area with caution. For they knew they could easily be separated and lost. El Viejo chopped a way through the dense vegetation with his machete. When night came, the men were really frightened.

"For two cents I'd call it all off," said Earl Kovor. "We are in a tight spot. If our guides vanish, what happens to us? I don't think we could get out of this place. Or even find our way back over the mountains. There wasn't a trail to follow here."

Slim Carey unholstered his six gun. He aimed at the youth's feet and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. Five more times he pulled the trigger. All were duds. The two other men nervously unholstered their revolvers and went into action. But with no results. They checked their guns and everything seemed O.K. Finally Slim Carey forced the bullet head off one of the cartridges and poured out the contents of the shell. It was sand!

They would never know that while they slept silent feet came into their room. Silent and efficient hands working with rude tools emptied the cartridges that had been quietly removed from the cartridge belts. The Indians were following the letter of the law:

They must never attack, shoot, or wound a white man!

In a fraction of a second, El Viejo and El Joven dashed for freedom. The dried corn they carried concealed on their persons would sustain them for days.

"We may never get out of here alive," moaned Slim Carey for the understatement of the year.

Colonel Juan Batista made the long trip to the village accompanied by a group of soldiers. He listened carefully to the stories of the elders and to what El Viejo had to say. They turned over to him the animals, supplies and rifles and shot-guns left behind.

"No doubt they were the three men we had been trailing," he said. "The fools! They should have known some history. Your people never had gold. Your civilization was built on maize."

Colonel Juan Batista walked over to the idol. It seemed to have an insolent look on his face. Slowly he lifted the heavy object and looked at the inscription on the bottom: "William Stevens, Boston, 1854." Then walked away from the plated brass idol.

KIT  
CARSON

A HEAP OF TIME HAD PASSED SINCE THEIR LAST SQUARE MEAL! AND NOW, WITH THEIR MOUNTS STIRRING UP DUST ON THE LONELY FOOTHILLS TRAIL, AND THOUGHTS OF REST UPPER-MOST IN THEIR OWN MINDS, KIT CARSON AND BL TORO FOUND THEMSELVES HUNGRY, SNIFFING THE AIR...



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LOOKS LIKE SOME PROSPECTOR LEFT HIS STEW POT ON THE FIRE! MUST'VE MOVED OFF SOMEWHERE!

LET'S DISMOUNT! WHEN HE RETURNS, MAYBE HE WILL BE KIND ENOUGH TO SHARE-UP HIS STEW WITH US!



HMM... IF THIS PROSPECTOR'S LUCK IS HALF AS GOOD AS THE WAY HE COOKS, HIS SADDLEBAG MUST BE LOADED WITH NUGGETS!





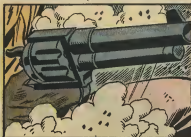
# SIX GUN HEROES



--ONLY TO HAVE HIS FACE WRITHE IN A GRIMACE OF SHOCK WHEN HE SAW WHO LASSED THEM!



WHY DID KIT FALL? SO HE COULD HIDE BEHIND THE FLAILED UP DUST WHILE SQUIRMING OUT OF THE LARIAT! AND THEN, WITHOUT A HITCH IN THAT STREAK OF FLUID MOTION, USING THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE WEST, HE CLEARED LEATHER, WHIRLED AROUND---



# SIX GUN HEROES

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! I CAN'T TURN MY BACK WITH-  
OUT ONE OF MORT TALLON'S  
MEN SNEAKING INTO MY  
CAMP-SITE, AND RUMMAG-  
ING THROUGH EVERYTHING!  
I FIGURED ON CATCHING  
THEM AT IT TODAY, AND  
TEACHING THEM  
A LESSON!



IF YOU DON'T MIND  
MY SAYING SO,  
MA'AM, THESE  
FOOTHILLS  
AREN'T THE  
SAFEST  
PLACE FOR  
A... A...



GO AHEAD  
SAY IT!  
FOR AN  
OLD LADY...  
THAT'S WHAT  
YOU WERE  
GOING TO  
SAY, WERENT  
YOU?

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT  
I SPENT THE BEST YEARS  
OF MY LIFE IN THE FOOT-  
HILLS! THOSE WERE THE  
YEARS WHEN I WASN'T  
ALONE...



"ME AN' FRED WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER  
THROUGH ALL THOSE YEARS! WE HAD OUR  
SHARE OF CLOSE SCRAPES...AND WE  
NEVER FOUND MUCH GOLD..."



BUT IT WAS OUT HERE THAT FRED CHOSE  
TO MAKE HIS LIVING...AND I WASN'T ONE  
EVER TO LEAVE THE SIDE OF THE MAN I  
LOVED...

YOU'RE THE  
BEST WIFE ANY MAN  
EVER HAD, MOLLY!



CAN'T THINK OF  
MUCH TO COMPLAIN  
ABOUT IN YOU,  
FRED!

THE PASSING YEARS TOOK MORE OUT OF  
FRED THAN THEY TOOK FROM ME! HE  
GREW MORE SICKY ALL THE TIME...



AT LAST WE HAD TO SETTLE DOWN IN TOWN!  
I DIDN'T MIND WHERE WE WERE, AS  
LONG AS I WAS WITH FRED! BUT THE  
WEAKER HE GREW, THE MORE HE  
DINED FOR THE FOOTHILLS...

LET MEGO, MOLLY! I HAVE TO BUY SOME  
BOOTS! I'LL BE NEEDING BOOTS FOR  
THE NEXT TIME WE  
GO OUT PROSPECTING!





# SIX GUN HEROES

I NEVER COULD SAY NO TO FRED! SO I LET HIM BUY A PAIR OF SECOND HAND BOOTS, KNOWING FULL WELL HE'D NEVER WEAR THEM OUTSIDE OF TOWN...



... HE PASSED AWAY NOT LONG AFTER! AND I'VE BEEN COMING OUT TO THE FOOTHILLS BY MY LONESOME EVER SINCE! BECAUSE IT'S OUT HERE THAT I FEEL CLOSEST TO FRED!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS MORT TALLON, MA'AM? HOW DOES HE FIT INTO THE PICTURE?



TALLON AND HIS GANG SHOWED UP HERE - ABOUTS JUST ABOUT THE TIME FRED PASSED AWAY! THEY'RE BAD ONES, ALL RIGHT...



\*AND TALLON'S THE WORST OF THE LOT...



JUST AS I WAS SETTING OUT FOR THE FOOTHILLS FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT FRED, TALLON STOPPED ME AT THE EDGE OF TOWN.

YOU WON'T FIND GOLD OUT THERE, MOLLY! TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO... I'LL BUY ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT, RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR FRYING PAN AND PAIR OF SPARE BOOTS! JUST NAME YOUR PRICE!



YOU LOCO OR SOMETHING? YOU MUST BE, TO THINK I'D EVER PART WITH ANYTHING OF FRED'S, ESPECIALLY TO A COYOTE LIKE YOU!

NOBODY CAN CALL ME A COYOTE AND...



AND WHAT, TALLON?

YOU EVER TOUCH A HAIR OF MOLLY'S HEAD, YOU'LL HAVE TO ANSWER TO US... YOU HEAR?



# SIX GUN HEROES

...SO TALLON WENT OFF WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS. BUT EVER SINCE, EVERY CHANCE HE'S HAD, HE'S BEEN SENDIN' HIS MEN AFTER ME. THEY KEEP CREEPING UP TO MY CAMP SITE, AND KEEP PAWING THROUGH MY BELONGINGS!



HMMM... YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THEY COULD BE LOOKING FOR?

NO! AND I DON'T CARE! ALL I WANT IS FOR THEM TO STOP PESTERING ME! AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD TELL OF YOU, KIT CARSON, YOU'RE THE MAN WHO CAN STOP THEM!



COULD BE, MA'AM. BE GLAD TO GIVE IT A TRY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

SI! FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, EL TORO AND KIT CARSON WILL PAY THIS TALLON A LITTLE VISITS!

UH-OH... THE BOSS BETTER HEAR OF THIS!



LATER...

BUT THE BOSS IS SLEEPING!

WELL, WAKE HIM UP! KIT CARSON AIMS TO PAY A VISIT HERE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! WAKE HIM UP!



IN THE MORNING...

KEEP THE COFFEE BOILING, MOLLY! WE'LL BE BACK FOR SOME MORE RIGHT AFTER WE'VE FINISHED OUR BUSINESS WITH TALLON!

WE WILL BRING YOU THE INSIDES DOPE ON WHY HE HAS BEEN BOTHERING YOU!

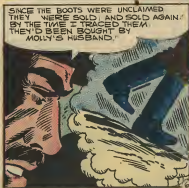
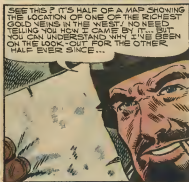
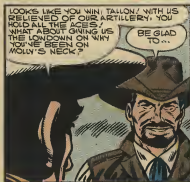
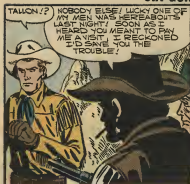


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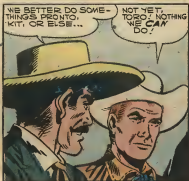
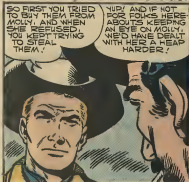
GRAB AIR! BOTH OF YOU! YOU TOO, MOLLY!



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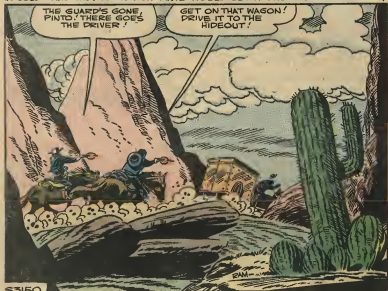
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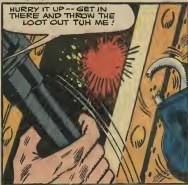
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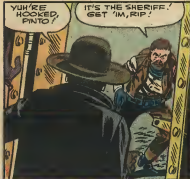


HURRY IT UP-- GET IN THERE AND THROW THE LOOT OUT TUH ME!



YUH'RE HOOKED, PINTO!

IT'S THE SHERIFF! GET 'IM, RIP!



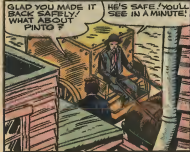
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HE'S SAFE, YOU'LL SEE IN A MINUTE!



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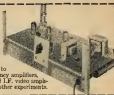


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